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Maxwell Dunham, 84, Dies; Former Teacher, Band Director

Maxwell W. Dunham, 84, formerly of Pleasantville, RD 1, died at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 1986, at Sunset Manor where he had been a patient for one week.

Mr. Dunham was born Sept. 15, 1901, in Southwest Township, Warren County, a son of the late William N. and Mary Woodcock Dunham.

He married the former Eva H. Stone Dec. 21, 1925. She died March 26, 1974. He later married the former Hazel Kifer in 1976. She preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 1983.

Mr. Dunham graduated from Pleasantville High School, Clarion Normal School and Huffs School of Business. He also attended the Wooster, Ohio, College Conservatory of Music, Allegheny College and Penn State University.

He was employed for 43 years as a music teacher and band director in Pleasantville and Tidioute schools.

Mr. Dunham was a skilled musician and established a school of music for band and orchestra instruments in Neilltown for 15 years. Following his retirement, Mr. Dunham was a member of the Nutritional Council for the Office of the Aging of Forest County. He also served as secretary-treasurer for the board of supervisors, building inspector and sewage engineer, all for Harmony Township, Forest County.

He was a retired elder of the First United Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville.

Mr. Dunham was a member of the

Lady Drake Rebekah Lodge 301 and a 50-year member of the New London Subordinate Grange 1151 where he held the office of master for two years. He was also a 50-year member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Queen City Lodge 304 of which he was elected district deputy grand master for Venango County. He was a past chief patriarch of the Encampment of Patriarchs of Oil City Lodge 182. He was past president of the Tionesta Senior Citizens and a member of the Pleasantville Senior Citizens.

Mr. Dunham is survived by four children, Mrs. William (Marian) Morgan of Pleasantville, RD 1, Mrs. Wayne (Evelyn) Burt of Gettysburg, Richard S. Dunham of Vandalia, Mrs. Linda Whitten of Russell; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wives and parents, he was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Relatives and friends will be received today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Leo N. Hennes Funeral Home where the funeral service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. with David K. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville, officiating.

Interment will be held in Neilltown Cemetery.

The family has said that memorial contributions may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville.

FUNERAL

DUNHAM

The funeral service for Maxwell W. "Max" Dunham was conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 1986, at the Leo N. Hennes Funeral Home with Rev. David K. Wood, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville, officiating. Interment was in Neilltown Cemetery.

Relatives and friends attending from out of town were: Mrs. Phyllis Dunham, Nancy, Ritchie, Sandy, Diane and John Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanely and daughters, all of Toledo, Ohio; Richard Dunham of Vandalia, Ohio; Mrs. Linda Whitten, Mark Whitten and Geoffrey Howard, all of Russell; Lisa Whitten and David Shubski, both of Rochester, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. David Whitten of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Col. and Mrs. Wayne Burt of Gettysburg; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sabraw and Michael Schwab, all of Cochran; Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan and Rev. Gary C. Lyons, all of Pleasantville; and Rev. and Mrs. Byron Oakes of Meadville.

Also attending were relatives and friends from Pleasantville, Hydetown, Tidioute and Titusville vicinity.

Members of the IOOF Queen City Lodge 304 and the Lady Drake Rebekah Lodge 301 conducted a memorial service on Wednesday evening at the funeral home with Oakley Hopkins, as acting noble grand, and Melford Holmes, chaplain, as presiding officers.

This unknown Dunham, whose 1986 Titusville, PA obituary we have, thanks to Bob W. Dunham, Madison, WI, was awarded the headline position in this month's DD because the obit brought its own headline. Can any reader help with placing Maxwell Dunham in the total family picture?

FURTHER EXPLANATION: DD's editor has been laid low with a bad leg, cause & cure unknown at this moment. Her determination is intact, however, so she's going to try to put this issue together without recourse to the computer, which is upstairs, while she herself is confined to the first floor. Hence the need for a ready-made headline.

THE LIFE OF SOLOMON DUNHAM

Thanks to Harold Leeman, Lansing, MI, we have this interesting article regarding the life of Solomon Dunham (1793-1865)(7)(Deacon John Dunham 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Elisha 5, ~~Elisha~~ 6):



Solomon Dunham's home in Gowanda, New York that he left when he moved to Illinois

Solomon Dunham was born in Saratoga County, New York in 1793 or 4. He was early thrown on his resources by the death of his father. He soon learned the tanner, currier, and shoemaker trades which he carried on for several years. He engaged in the lumber business, ran a boat on the Hudson, and was on a sailboat which raced with the first steamboat. He moved to Collins, Erie County, New York, where in 1818 he married Lydia Ballard, the daughter of Nathaniel Ballard and Lydia Irish. Lydia Irish was the daughter of Nathaniel Irish. Lydia Ballard was born in Bennington, Vermont and was educated in Manchester, Vermont. In 1825 they moved to Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, New York. Solomon carried on his trade and engaged in farming, building a house which still stands. He studied surveying with M. W. Fletcher.

As the tide of emigration was drifting westward, he caught the spirit of the times and in March of 1835 started with two

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wagons. The party consisted of himself, his wife, and his children, Betsey, Daniel, Harriet, Cordelia, Jane, Julia, and Helen. (Emily, Mark, and Emma were born in Illinois.) One day the wagons stuck in the marshes near Toledo and it was necessary to leave them overnight in the charge of Daniel, then 14 years old, who reports it as the most fearsome night he ever spent, with wolves howling about. The children were not encouraged to wander during travel. If they chose to walk, they might do so, but had to continue and keep up with the wagons until a regular halt was made. Solomon drove his own teams all the way and arrived in Chicago in company with the Bartlett family, also from New York, whose acquaintance they had made on the way. Here they rented a small house on Randolph Street, not far from the store of Mr. Dale, the pioneer merchant of Chicago. It was a log cabin with but one room, over which was a loft reached by a ladder through an aperture in its loosely laid floor. Into this hut the two families were crowded as a temporary abode while Mr. Dunham and Mr. Bartlett started westward with a team to hunt up a location on which to settle. Mrs. Dunham had six children, and her friend two, making a total of ten people in the small house. The two men threaded their winding way around the sloughs until they reached the fertile prairies on the fringe of the timber which skirts the eastern bank of the Fox River, since known as the Little Woods. Here they bought claims to their land. They returned to their families in Chicago, paid their rent (\$1.25 for the ten days), and started for their new homes. They arrived at Oaklawn Farm on May 8, 1835. This was then owned by Nathan Perry from whom Mr. Dunham purchased it. On the farm stood the exceedingly primitive cabin which Mr. Perry had built the year before and which had neither glass, nails, nor boards in its entire structure. The first thing to do was to provide shelter, and a second cabin was built next to this one. This original home stood on the east side of the Elgin Road

The next necessity was education for his children and from St. Charles he secured the services of Mr. Watterman, subsequently founder of Watterman Hall at Sycamore, who spent the first winter with them and taught the children. Daniel was later sent to Mr. Morris Academy at Mr. Morris, Illinois, and Mark was sent to Geneva.

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LEFT- From Helen Hoyt, West Monroe, NY, comes this photo taken at the big Dunham reunion in that area. This reunion, comprised of the descendants of the large branch of the family now known as originating with Nathaniel Dunham of Wrentham, has a very long history of annual & well-attended gatherings. It is too bad that none of the attendees shown here is identified, but we can be happy in noting that dogs are not excluded.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dunham Genealogy which is limited to John Dunham, Jr. (1615-1692), eldest son of Deacon John Dunham, & John, Jr's descendants, is now complete. It runs 104 pages, including index, & will have a pressboard cover. Price will be \$15.00 (Only checks written to Phyllis Kitson can be cashed.) Of course, we do not expect this book to be a big seller since, to our knowledge, very few descendants of this man are currently on the DD mailing list. Just wanted to let everyone know of this accomplishment, as it hasn't been as easy as it was initially expected to be.

FROM SELMA BLACKMON, Norcross, GA, we have the following recent clip:

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

14 Wednesday, July 29, 1998

Clarence Dunham, Lawrenceville resident

Clarence Dunham, 88, of Lawrenceville died Saturday.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Shadowlawn Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Tom M. Wages Funeral Service in Lawrenceville.

Mr. Dunham, a Gwinnett County native, is survived by a brother, Charlie Dunham of Lawrenceville, and a special friend, Roxanna Benard.

James A. Dunham enthralled the crowd at the "Gunfighters of the Old West" Special Session with his lore about historical gunfighters and his fancy gun-handling skills.

CREDIT WILLIAM G. BURKE, Watertown, NY, for this clip from the pages of the Sept. 1998 AMERICAN HUNTER magazine. James A. Dunham appeared as a part of the National Rifle Ass'n convention, & apparently he was the hit of the show.



Q U E R I E S

Since Isaac W. Dunham's Genealogy and Monnett's First Settlers of Piscataway... don't contain reliable information, I'm looking for other sources and documentation for the children of Rev. Jonathan Dunham (1694-1777) and his wife Jane (Piatt/Pyatt) (1695-1779) of Piscataway, Middlesex Co., New Jersey. Their children, born between 1715 and 1734 in Piscataway, NJ were: Elizabeth, Azariah, Jonathan, David, Isaac (died young), Ruth, Samuel and Jane (died young). Except for Jonathan, my ancestor, about all I know of these children is their dates of birth. Does anyone have more?

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SELMA BLACKMON, 5200 Goshen Springs Rd - F-3, Norcross, GA 30093-25-72, is searching for information on her great great grandmother, JANE A. DUNHAM, & is still trying to find identification for the elusive "Aunt Sarah." She is also searching for WESLEY & ELIZABETH DUNHAM of Oneida County, NY. Attention, those with Oneida County connections: Can't you help with this?